



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION FOR INSTITUTIONAL  
INSPECTIONS  
KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION  
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, ROOM 372  
LOS ANGELES, CA 90012  
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**Wednesday, August 12, 2015**

**10:00 AM**

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (15-3890)

**Attachments:** [AUDIO](#)

**Present:** Chairperson Eleanor R. Montaña, Commissioner Donald S. Andrews, Vice Chairperson Barbara Bigby, Commissioner Susan Burton, Commissioner Percy Duran III, Commissioner Keren M. Goldberg and Commissioner Theresa Zhen

**Excused:** Commissioner Johanna Arias-Bhatia, Commissioner Cheryl Grills Ph.D. and Commissioner Anne S. Hill

**Staff present:** Bolaji Famuyiwa and Jenny Kimbell (15-3891)

**Call to Order.** (15-3841)

**Chairperson Montaña called the meeting to order at 10:09 a.m.**

**Chairperson Montaña led in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence. Commissioner Duran joined at 11:00 a.m.**

**I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER**

1. Approval of the August 5, 2015 Minutes. (15-3842)

**On motion of Vice Chairperson Bigby, seconded by Commissioner Donald S. Andrews and unanimously carried, this item was approved.**

**Attachments:** [SUPPORTING DOCUMENT](#)

**II. DISCUSSIONS**

2. Discussion to address issues specific to both the Department of Children and Family Services and the Probation Department. (15-3853)

The Commission engaged in a conversation with Ms. Pamela Pease, Supervising Deputy Probation Officer, Group Home Monitoring and Investigations Unit, Placement Services Bureau, PD and Ms. Rhonda David Shirley, DCFS, Out of Home Care Management Division, and addressed concerns related to sex trafficking; the collaboration between DCFS and Probation; Process for monitoring runaways/AWOL's patterns and trends; the number of Group Home closures; the number of Group Homes with both DCFS and Probation children; and the timeframe and process for placing children with family.

After discussion, the Commission decided to take action and invite the following individuals to come and present. Ms. Michelle Guyman, Director, PD, to a future meeting to further discuss the issue of sex trafficking; DCFS training Administrator to discuss social workers and training; Mr. Eric Ball, Children's Services Administrator, DCFS, to present on AWOL's; and the Adoptions Safe Families Act (ASFA).

3. Discussion on the timeline for updating the Inspection Forms. (15-3861)

After discussion, on motion of Commissioner Zhen, seconded by Commission Duran and all in favor, the Commission agreed to include and discuss the revision of the SBC Inspection Forms during the September 2, 2015 meeting.

4. Follow-up discussion on the Inmate Welfare Fund. (15-3862)

Commissioner Andrews distributed handouts and presented new information. Commissioner Andrews recommended that the Commission invite Director Karen Dalton and the Chair of the IWF Commission to a future meeting.

### **III. REPORTS**

5. Chairperson's Report on various items. (15-3843)

Chairperson Montaña also shared the following Newspaper Articles with the Commission:

#### **Daily Breeze:**

- Jails to be Under Federal Monitor ( August 6, 2015)
- Senators Address Solutions to Foster Care Psych Meds (August 12, 2015)
- 3 Health Agencies Being Merged (August 12, 2015)
- No Jail for 1,000 Mentally ill Inmates (August 12, 2015)

6. Treasurer's Report. (15-3844)

**Commissioner Andrews reported that the balance of the Commissioner's Charitable Fund remains at \$408.90.**

7. Staff Report on Correspondence Received and Department Representative Reports. (15-3845)

**There was no report presented.**

8. Commissioners' Reports on Group Home and/or Detention Facilities Inspections from August 6, 2015 to August 11, 2015. (15-3847)

**During the reporting period, the following group homes/facilities were reported as being in satisfactory condition:**

**Chairperson Montaña and Commissioner Andrews visited:**

- **South Bay Bright Future Youth Center (Mesa Street, San Pedro, CA) on August 6, 2015.**
- **Bellflower Courthouse (Flower Street, Bellflower, CA) on August 11, 2015.**

**Vice Chairperson Bigby visited:**

- **Marco Homes (Ivesbrook Street, Lancaster, CA) on August 10, 2015.**
- **Turmont Home for Boys (Thomas Drive, Lancaster, CA) on August 10, 2015.**

**Commissioners Burton, Grills and Arias-Bhatia visited:**

- **Century Regional Detention Center (Alameda Street, Lynwood, CA) on August 6, 2015 and reported that the main focus of this visit was on the mental health programs and detention area of the jail. Commissioner Carolyn Aoki-Hyatt from the Commission for Women joined them on the inspection.**

**IV. MISCELLANEOUS**

**Matters Not Posted**

9. Matters not on the posted agenda, to be discussed and (if requested) referred to staff or placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take action came to the attention of the Committee subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (15-3848)

**There were no matters presented for a future agenda.**

**Public Comment**

10. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (15-3849)

**There were no members of the public present to address the Commission.**

**Adjournment**

11. Adjournment for the meeting of August 12, 2015. (15-3850)

**There being no further business, Chairperson Montaña adjourned the meeting of August 12, 2015 at 11:56 a.m.**